



Federal Excess Personal Property

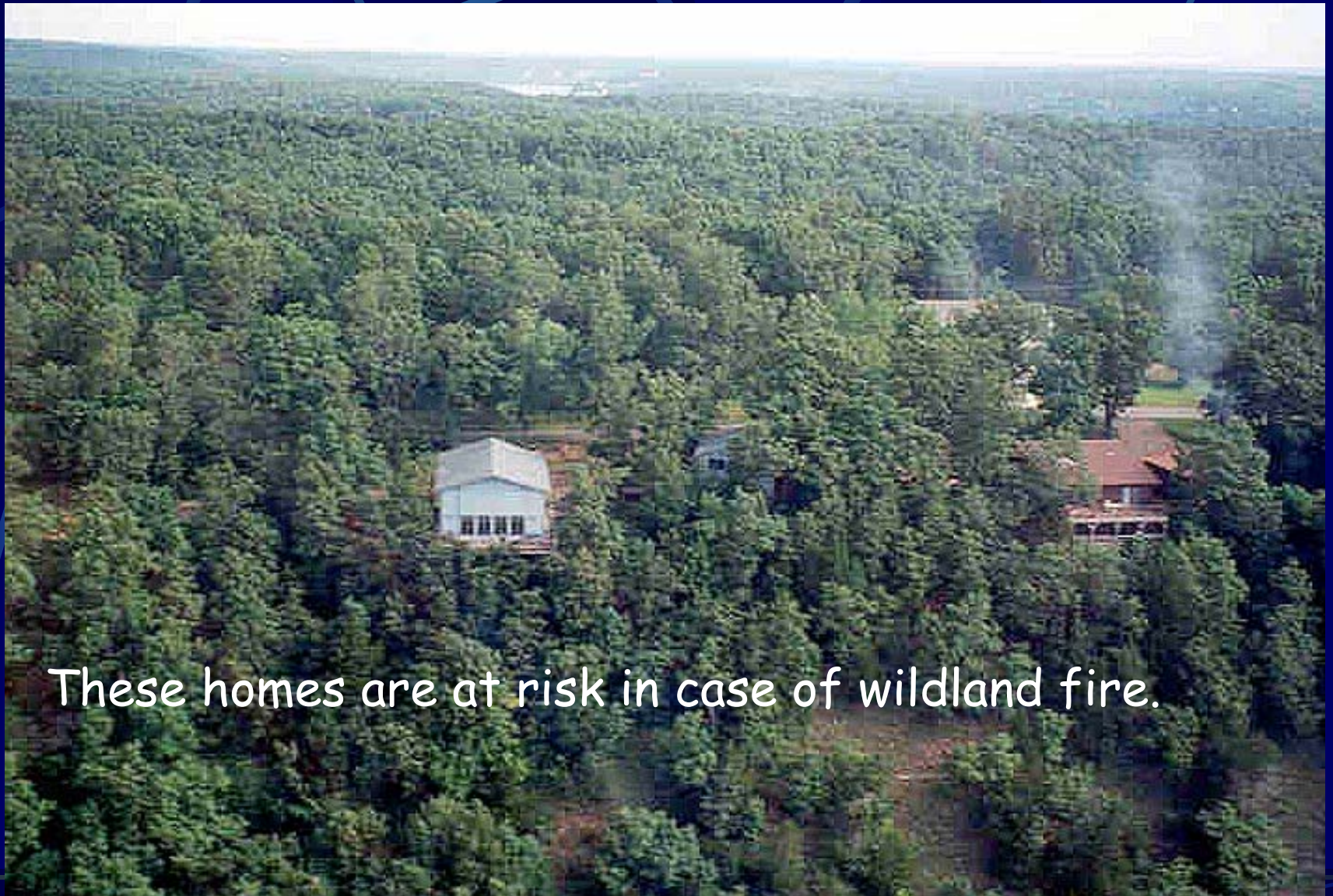
What It Means to the Forest
Service

What It Means to YOU!



Fire's
awesome
beauty
doesn't
mask the
threat to
life and
property.





These homes are at risk in case of wildland fire.



**Imagine this being the
view out your front
window!**





- Would you rather your home look like this?



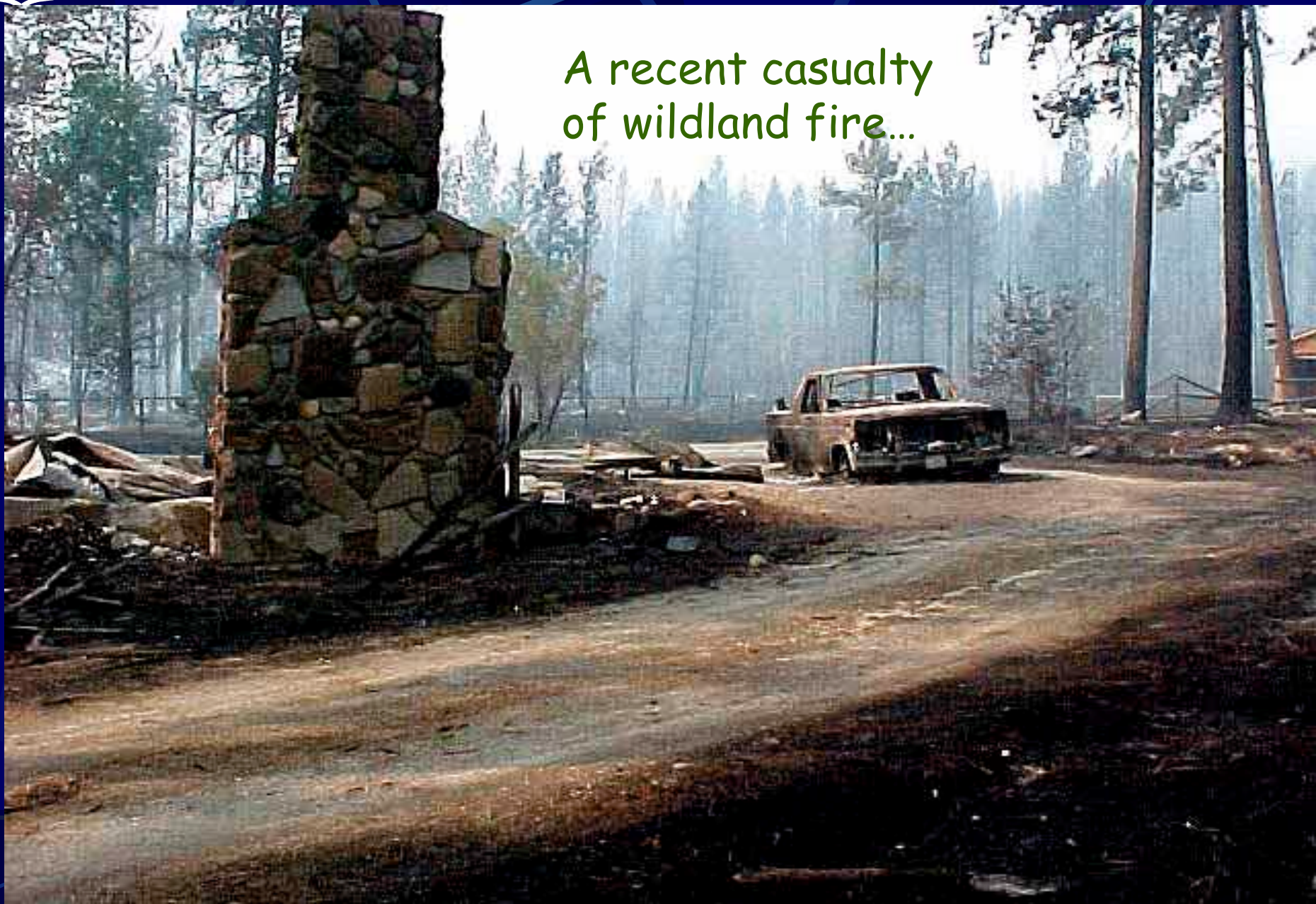


Or this?





A recent casualty
of wildland fire...





Slurry dropped from an FEPP
aircraft helped save this home.





CDF FEPP



Fire Photo - R. Manis



- Local Fire Departments are the first line of defense at the Wildland/Urban Interface (W/UI)





Local Fire Departments

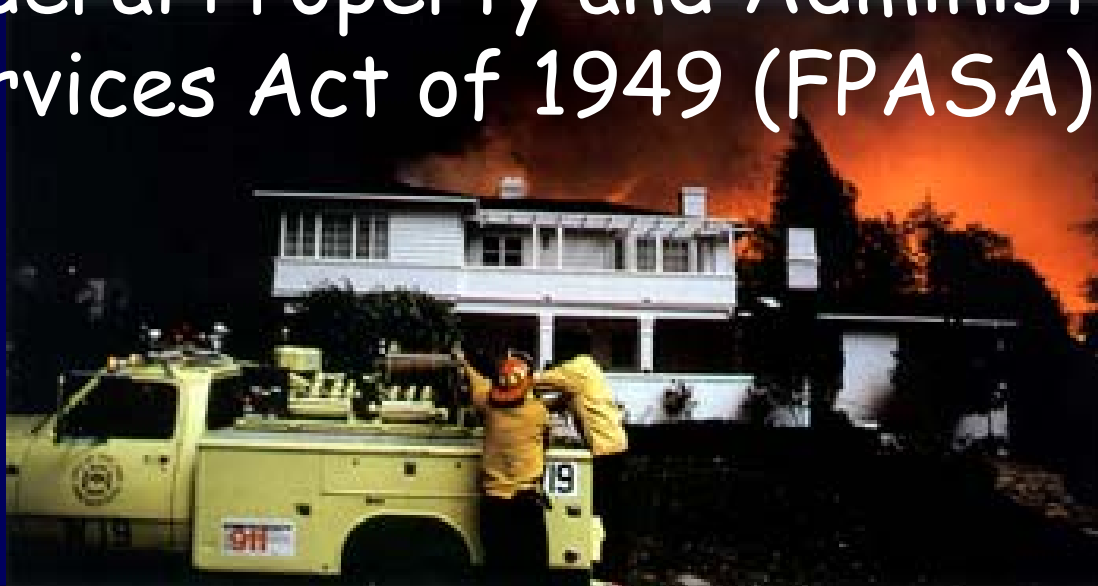
- Many local departments are dependent upon their own fund raising efforts to buy equipment and supplies.
- Do you want a bake sale to be the only thing between your family's home and lives and the flames??





Where Does the Forest Service Come In?

- Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 (CFA)
- Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (FPASA)





And the States?

- State Forestry Departments assist their rurals, managing Federal grants and FEPP
- The FS and the States have co-op agreements for the use of FEPP.
- States set up agreements with local departments – mutual aid.
- So... The USDA Forest Service and the States are partners with locals to protect lives and property.



And then?

- The State screens for appropriate property, takes custody of it, and transports it home.
- Title remains with Forest Service.
- Some 70% is sub-loaned to local fire departments
- Most of it needs rehabbing
- And then...



A basic flatbed

becomes a fire truck!





This...





And this...





Become this...





Or this!





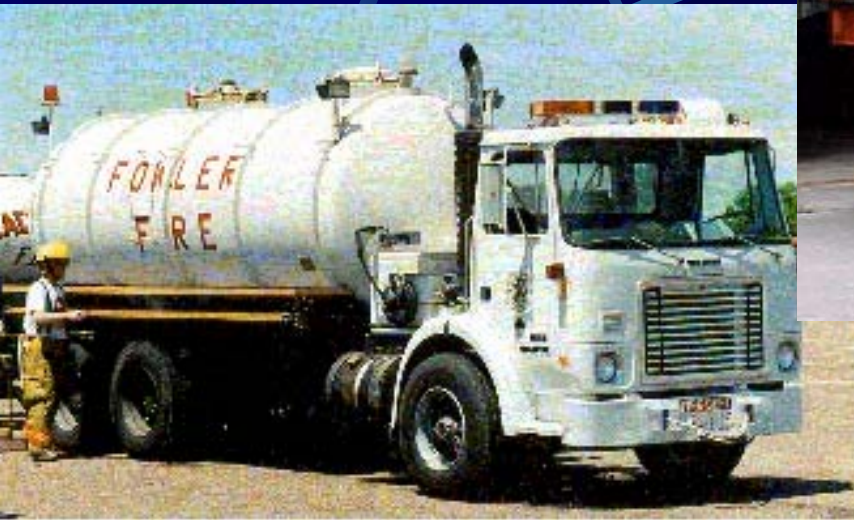
Found on Road Dead?





Or a Fire Department's Pride and Joy?







Hardly looks military, does it!





- Vintage military property is still in service decades later



Do we get our money's worth, or what?





SSSSSSStretching the Tax Dollar

- Some local fire departments have ONLY FEPP as first response vehicles
- Rehabbed trucks save from **25% to 70%** of the cost of new or used on the market
- Homeowners in areas with good fire protection pay less for fire insurance
- What price can you put on a home saved? Especially if it's YOURS!



Why Do We Need FEPP?

- Saving lives
- Saving property
- Saving money





**So... why do firefighters
need the DoD property
they stand to get under
HR 5408???**

***Good
question!!!***



What's next?

- FS has proposed to DoD that we'll manage the program according to law and DoD decisions
- We'll ask the State Foresters to manage the program in each State
- The FS will approve/disapprove transactions as GSA does regularly



ISSUES

- Access
- Priority
- Title







Thank You

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